

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace lines 1-14 at page 1 of the specification with the following replacement paragraphs:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to the following United States Patent Applications:

Serial No. 10/027,020 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0006~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,330 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0008~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING STORAGE OPERATING SYSTEM DATA IN SWITCH PORTS, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,013 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0020~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING SPARE DISKS IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Alan L. Rowe et al.

Please replace lines 11-23 at page 13 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

The disk ownership layer also provides an application program interface (API) which is accessible by various other layers of the storage operating system. For example, the disk migration layer often undertakes to access the disk table to determine current disk ownership. The disk migration layer is described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,020 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0006~~] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE by Joydeep Sen Sarma et al., which is hereby incorporated by reference. Additionally, a preselection process, which is part of an administrative graphical user interface (GUI), utilizes the API to access information in the disk ownership table. This preselection process is described in United States Patent Application, Serial No. 10/027,909 [~~Atty. Docket No. 11256-0011~~] titled METHOD FOR PRESELECTING CANDIDATE DISKS BASED ON VALIDITY FOR VOLUME by Steven Klinkner, which is hereby incorporated by reference.